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H. CON. RES. 178

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

Received and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and
Pensions

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing the need to pursue research into the causes, a treatment, and an eventual cure for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, supporting the goals and ideals of National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week, and for other purposes.

Whereas idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis is a serious lung disorder causing progressive, incurable lung scarring;

Whereas idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis is one of about 200 disorders called interstitial lung diseases;

Whereas idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis is the most common form of interstitial lung disease;

Whereas idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis is a debilitating and generally fatal disease marked by progressive scarring of the lungs, causing an irreversible loss of the lung tissue's ability to transport oxygen;

Whereas idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis progresses quickly, often causing disability or death within a few short years;

Whereas there is no proven cause of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis;

Whereas approximately 83,000 United States citizens have idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, and 31,000 new cases are diagnosed each year;

Whereas idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis is often misdiagnosed or underdiagnosed;

Whereas the median survival rate for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis patients is 2 to 3 years, and about two thirds of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis patients die within 5 years; and

Whereas a need has been identified to increase awareness and detection of this misdiagnosed and underdiagnosed disorder: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3 (1) recognizes the need to pursue research into
4 the causes, a treatment, and an eventual cure for id-
5 iopathic pulmonary fibrosis;

6 (2) supports the work of advocates and organi-
7 zations in educating, supporting, and providing hope
8 for individuals who suffer from idiopathic pulmonary

1 fibrosis, including efforts to organize a National Idi-
2 opathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week;

3 (3) supports the designation of an appropriate
4 week as National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis
5 Awareness Week;

6 (4) encourages the President to issue a procla-
7 mation designating a National Idiopathic Pulmonary
8 Fibrosis Awareness Week;

9 (5) congratulates advocates and organizations
10 for their efforts to educate the public about idio-
11 pathic pulmonary fibrosis, while funding research to
12 help find a cure for this disorder; and

13 (6) supports the goals and ideals of National
14 Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week.

Passed the House of Representatives September 29,
2005.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.

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